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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF THIS MEETING

This Meeting is open to any other North Weald Bassett Parish Councillor who wishes to attend

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 21st September 2016** at **The Library, High Road, North Weald** at **10.30 am** to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 

To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence.

2. OTHER ABSENCES

To **NOTE** any absences for which no apology has been received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest by Members

A Member with a personal interest in a matter must consider whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary, Non Pecuniary or Other Pecuniary Interest, and declare it accordingly. A Member who is unsure as to how to declare their interest should seek independent advice.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 

To **CONFIRM** the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2016, which were previously circulated with the Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

5. BUS SHELTER – HIGH ROAD THORNWOOD COMMON – JUNCTION WITH UPLAND ROAD 

Confirmation has been received from the Insurance Company that the Bus Shelter can be Replaced up to the value of the original shelter - £10,500. The original shelter was not a 'closed in shelter' and it has been suggested by a ward councillor for Thornwood that a closed in shelter may be more practical – due to its close proximity to the road.

Additional costs to achieve this type of shelter would amount to just under £2000, which would have to be paid for out of the Parish Council funds. Site surveys have been carried out and there is sufficient room to place a closed in shelter on the site. Members are now asked if they wish to cover this additional cost or if they simply wish to continue with a like for like replacement.

6. ALLOTMENTS 

a) HASTINGWOOD B SITE

At the Weekly Allotment Sub-Committee meetings the future of Hastingwood B has been Discussed. The site is not being used and has had vacancies for a number of years, as does Hastingwood A. Concern has been expressed that the site is vulnerable to occupation by Gypsies and Travellers. There was only one tenant on this site, who recently moved to Hastingwood A, a couple of weeks ago. Further suggestions for discussion will be brought forward to this meeting.

b) QUEENS ROAD – BOUNDARY

Blackberry Bushes – To look at the planting of Blackberry or other such bushes to form a boundary at the rear of Queens Road Allotments.

7. BULB PLANTING 

Members are asked to make suggestions for areas around the Parish for the year 2016 - 2017.

8. GARDEN BY THE SHOPS

To receive an Update from Cllr Buckley.

9. WEALD COMMON

a) Tree fallen at Weald Common at entrance to Tempest Mead – to receive an Update.

10. PLAY AREAS 

a) Gate at Play Area at School Green Lane has now been locked due to it slamming shut.

b) Bin at Weald Common Play Area Cracked - New Bin Needed

11. FLOWERS BY VILLAGE SIGN 

Members are advised that the Flower Trough and Flowers now in situ – it is suggested that thank you letters are sent to the local resident and Cllr Spearman for their help in this matter.

12. CEMETERY BUDGET 

To **DISCUSS** the Income from the Cemetery and its future financial administration within the Parish Council Accounts.

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